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REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Official Action dated October 7, 2003.

Claims 1 - 43 were previously canceled.

Claims 44 - 79 were previously pending in the application.

Claims 44, 53, 57 and 66 were rejected.

Claims 45-52, 54-56, 58-65 and 67-69 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were otherwise considered as allowable.

Claims 70-79 were previously allowed.

By ways of this amendment, the Applicant has canceled claims 44, 52, 53, 57 and 66, and amended claims 45, 49, 54, 56, 58, 62, 67, and 69.

Accordingly, claims 45-51, 54-56, 58-65, and 67-79 are currently pending.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC §102:

Claims 44, 53, 57, and 66 were rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Shin '941.

Claims 44, 53, 57 and 66 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection is no longer believed to be applicable.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS:

Claims 45-52, 54-56, 58-65 and 67-69 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were otherwise considered as allowable.

Claims 45, 49, 54, 56, 58, 62, 67 and 69 have each been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their respective base claims. All remaining dependent claims, now depend from an allowable base claim.

CONCLUSIONS:

Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 45-51, 54-56, 58-65, and 67-79 define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited art of record.

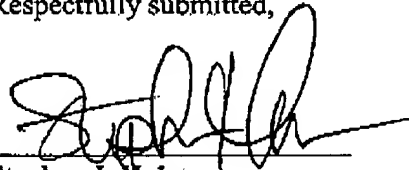
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Claims 45-51, 54-56, 58-65, and 67-79 are thus believed to be in condition for allowance and the application ready for issue.

Corresponding action is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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